WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1.   A method for receiving performance information over a network for
2 generating a pseudo-live performance, the method comprising:
3   detecting a need for the performance information;
4   selecting a process for obtaining the needed performance information; and
5   executing the process.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the detecting a need for the performance
2 information comprises one or more of:
3   determining a time of a previous information reception event;
4   detecting a status of a storage device; and
5   accessing a profile.

1   3.   The method of claim 2, wherein the profile indicates one or more of:
2   a type of information desired by an end-user;
3   a schedule of an end-user; and
4   scheduled times at which information is transmitted by a performance
5 transmitter.

1   4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting a process comprises
2 determining whether a performance transmitter can receive an information request.

1   5.   The method of claim 4, wherein the determining whether a performance
2 transmitter can receive an information request comprises one or more of:
3   transmitting a query signal to the performance transmitter;
4   passively receiving a signal from the performance transmitter; and
5   accessing a profile.

1   6.   The method of claim 4, further comprising:
2   generating an information request; and
3   transmitting the request to the performance transmitter via the network.

1   7.   The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting a process comprises
2 determining an appropriate time to receive information from a performance transmitter.

1   8.   The method of claim 1, further comprising generating the pseudo-live
2 performance by mixing information corresponding to one or more portions of the needed
3 performance information with other information.

1   9.   The method of claim 8, the generating the pseudo-live performance

2 comprising:

3   retrieving the other information;

4   decoding one or more commands of the other information; and

5   performing one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

1   10.   The method of claim 9, wherein the one or more commands includes one

2 or more of programming commands that execute a software program, housekeeping

3 commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored information, and performance

4 commands that reproduce stored information from one or more specified locations of a

5 storage device.

1   11.   A method for transmitting performance information over a network,

2 comprising one or more of:

3   transmitting the performance information in response to a request received

4 via the network;

5   transmitting the performance information periodically; and

6   transmitting profile information that indicates one or more of:

7   a capability to respond to individual requests; and

8   a predetermined time when the performance information will be

9 transmitted.

1   12.   The method of claim 11, wherein the performance information is

2 transmitted by a performance reproduction device.

1   13.   The method of claim 11, wherein the performance information is

2 transmitted by an original source of the performance information.

1   14.   A pseudo-live performance generator, comprising a controller that:

2   detects a need for performance information;

3   selects a process for obtaining the needed performance information; and

4   executes the process.

1   15.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller

2 detects the need for the performance information by one or more of:

3   determining a time of a previous information reception event;

4   detecting a status of a storage device; and

5   accessing a profile.

1   16.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 15, wherein the profile
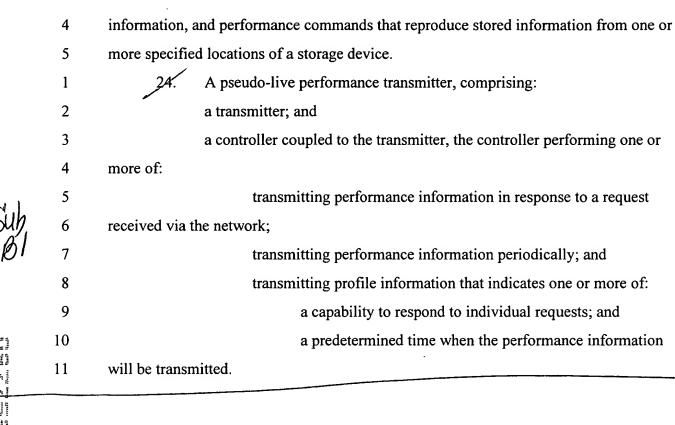
2 indicates one or more of:

3   a type of information desired by an end-user;

4   a schedule of an end-user; and

5   scheduled times at which information is transmitted by a performance

6 transmitter.

1   17.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller

2 determines whether a performance transmitter can receive an information request.

1   18.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 17, wherein the controller

2 performs one or more of:

3   transmitting a query signal to the performance transmitter;

4   passively receiving a signal from the performance transmitter; and

5   accessing a profile.

1   19.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 17, further comprising:

2   a request generator that generates an information request, wherein the

3 controller transmits the request to the performance transmitter via the network.

1   20.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller

2 determines an appropriate time to receive information from a performance transmitter.

1   21.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller

2 generates the pseudo-live performance by mixing information corresponding to one or

3 more portions of the needed performance information with other information.

1   22.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 21, wherein the

2 controller:

3   retrieves the other information;

4   decodes one or more commands of the other information; and

5   performs one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

1   23.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 22, wherein the one or

2 more commands includes one or more of programming commands that execute a

3 software program, housekeeping commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored

4   information, and performance commands that reproduce stored information from one or

5   more specified locations of a storage device.

1   24.   A pseudo-live performance transmitter, comprising:

2   a transmitter; and

3   a controller coupled to the transmitter, the controller performing one or

4   more of:

5   transmitting performance information in response to a request

6   received via the network;

7   transmitting performance information periodically; and

8   transmitting profile information that indicates one or more of:

9   a capability to respond to individual requests; and

10   a predetermined time when the performance information

11   will be transmitted.